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FM AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE NIACT 9506

INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMCONSUL SAO PAULO

UNCLAS RIO DE JANEIRO 3904

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CGEN, BR

SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT CRASH RIO DE JANEIRO

REF: 7FAM 661

1. THIS MESSAGE REPEATS SUBSTANCE OF INFO OF MILLER TO  
LOW ARA/BR TELCONS OF MORNING AND MID-DAY OCT. 23.

2. A VIACAO AEREA SAO PAULO (VASP) AIRLINES Y.S 11  
SAMURAI AIRLINER CRASHED IN GUANABARA BAY TUESDAY OCT. 23,  
1973 AT 8:42 AM. THE PLANE WAS TAKING OFF FROM SANTOS DUMONT  
AIRPORT RIO DE JANEIRO FOR BELO HORIZONTE.

3. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF U.S. CITIZENS KNOWN TO BE ON BOARD:  
TRADE MISSION FROM INDIANA: LT. GOV. ROBERT ORR; ROBERT  
CARLSON, CONGENOFFICER; ALVARO GARCIA; RAY B. WILSON; WILLIAM  
LATZ; RALPH MUELLER; HOWARD K. JOHNSON; ELMER HERD; WIN  
HOFMAN; GORDON DUERR; LOWELL MEEK; OTIS PICKETT; F.R. SCHWANKE.  
OTHERS:  
GENERAL ELECTRIC PERSONNEL: FREDERICK D'ARIENZO, LEWIS  
WENGERT, WILLIAM E. MILLER.  
ROBERT MC KINNEY OF TIMKEN CO., PAUL KAESTLE OF SAO PAULO  
AND HOWARD COOPER OF RIO.  
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4. ALL THE ABOVE ARE CONFIRMED ALIVE AND WELL EXCEPT FOR  
GORDON DUERR WHO WAS SEEN ALIVE IN THE WATER AND WAS REPORTED  
TO HAVE RECEIVED AID AT THE ESCOLA NAVAL. FURTHER INFO RE  
DUERR WILL BE REPORTED WHEN RECEIVED.

5. VASP HAS NO WAY TO CONFIRM THE CITIZENSHIP OF PASSENGERS. INFO RE ABOVE U.S. CITIZENS WAS OBTAINED BY CONGEN OFFICERS AT SCENE. NONE OF THE CONFIRMED FIVE DEAD WERE AMERICANS. PLANE CARRIED SIXTY PASSENGERS AND FIVE CREWMEN.

6. EFFORTS TO LOCATE MR. DUERR ARE CONTINUING AND ARE BEING CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH LT. GOV. ORR FROM CONGEN OFFICES. RIO POLICE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED, AND WE ANTICIPATE MR. DUERR'S PICTURE WILL BE CARRIED ON TV GLOBO TONIGHT AS PART OF INTERVIEW WHICH LT. GOV. MAKING. CONGEN AND LT. GOV IN INTERVIEWS BOTH WITH LOCAL PRESS AND INDIANA MEDIA HAVE CONFIRMED THAT MR. DUERR HAS NOT YET BEEN LOCATED.

7. TRADE MISSION HAS NOT YET DECIDED RE PROGRAM IN BRAZIL. LT. GOV ORR HAS COMMENTED IN SEVERAL INTERVIEWS THAT EVEN IF PROGRAM IS CANCELLED FOR NOW, HE HOPES MISSION CAN EVENTUALLY RETURN TO BRAZIL "WHICH SO HIGHLY INTERESTED IN GROWTH".

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